

Grand Gulph State of Mississippi
August 21st 1831

Dear Father

Yours of date, and James of
I received a few days ago.

March 13th 1831, which gave me much
pleasure to hear you were all well, altho
as it is not exactly so with me, I have
not been able to travel any distance since
last August that I got one of my legs hurt
in the chase by a Bear, it got well some
time ago, when I got poisoned with the
Kous Kadeau, or Sarsaparilla but I am
getting so that I can walk a little
- I have had my health better of late
than I have had, had for many years
yet the country is rather sickly at
this time - I have no news of much
importance to tell you, only my being
so long lame has been the cause of my
spending a great deal of money, which
I might have saved, Still I have got
some left, and just making arrangements
to commence trafficking again

you wished me to give you some account
of the religious state of the country - well
then it is this - we have all the different
sects that are in Europe - and some more
- one - In front of Gibson there are a Presbyterian
a Methodist and an Episcopalian meeting house
and many more in the same country; so if
the people are not religious it is not
for want of preaching

Had I been able to have gone to Mexico last
year I should have sent you some plants
- into France the mountains where they
grow a amongst the snow, where they
are sufficiently handy to live out of doors
in Scotland, I am not very certain but I
will go to that country, in the spring
- of next year if I am spared
in health - - - - - front Gibson is 78
miles from Grand Gulf on the Mississippi
which is 350 miles above New Orleans by
water - - - - - there are very few rare
plants just in this neighbourhood. but

I know of several in this State which
I think is new - I will try to procure
some of them as soon as I can. I have
allmost got out of the knollage of plants
for some yeare back. I ~~have~~ ~~nothing~~
of any moment to write at this time give
my best respects to my Mother, Brother
& Sisters tell them I would like to see
them very well, in this world, but far better
in the world to come - I may take a
kiss to you before very long
it is not very certain - you may
write me an acct of this. Let me
know where John Goldie is - James reque-
sted to know if I was married Tell him I am
not. and that is not the worst of it, not like to
be - no more at present but

Yours affectionate
son till Death
Robert Smith

Grand Gulf Miss. Paid — " 25.
August 24.

Original of
Letter of ^{Robert} ~~John~~ Smith
written August 21. 1831 from
Grand Gulf Mississippi
to James Smith & Sons
Ayr Scotland.

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